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HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, 23 April

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--McFarlane asked Williams to pull together information for Top Secret briefings to Congressmen to build support for the Administration's Central America policy. The Director urged that CIA provide whatever input it could.

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Tuesday, 24 April

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--Noticed in the notes from April's Comptroller meeting that all directorates, except DDI, are expected to be at or near ceiling by 30 September. The difficulties in the DDI area are alleged to be in the hard-to-hire categories, such as economists.

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--DeLauer asked the Director for his support for his proposal to the President to launch a "Presidential Initiative to Restore America's Leadership in Science and Technology."

--The Director liked [REDACTED] idea to have breakfast with a group of young officers -- are they in for a surprise if they have scrambled eggs! The Director suggested that they increase the number to about 10.

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--We got letters out to the supervisors of all of our pinch hitters during [REDACTED] absence.

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Wednesday, 25 April

--Concurred in your behalf in the Secretarial/Clerical MAG's proposal to establish a Secretary of the Year award. Wrote the DCI a note endorsing it, explaining that you favored it as long as it was done on a career service basis -- it will be. The Director also signed off on it and hopefully an Employee Bulletin will go out close enough to Secretaries' Week to have a positive impact.

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--State's legislative affairs people had arranged for briefings of the Chairman, Ranking Minority Member, Staff Director, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, SSCI, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, House Armed Services Committee, House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and HPSCI on this terrorism business. The word went out that there should be no further press backgrounding on the NSDD and that these briefings were to alleviate any misunderstandings regarding potential hit squads, etc.

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--McFarlane passed on high praise for the video DDI put together in preparation for the President's trip to China and asked for similar ones for the President's June trip to Ireland, the UK and Normandy.

*** -- [REDACTED] advised that the Director, while contemplating his efforts to mend fences with Congress and at the same time thinking about Jeanne Kirkpatrick's speech noting the importance of learning from history, asked whatever happened to the idea of doing a history of our relations with Congress. He noted your opposition when this was discussed earlier. [REDACTED] is to think about the possibility of doing such a history on a classified basis and limiting the distribution severely. You may want to talk to him about this when you get back.

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Thursday, 26 April

--Keyworth suggested that the President should receive from OSD, DNA and DIA a briefing on the Soviets' apparent success in providing survivability for their leadership. He suggested that the Director should also receive this briefing, noting that [REDACTED] would be arranging a preview. This could be what [REDACTED] is meeting the Director about next week.

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--Held for you a paper that [] wanted you to see from the Information Science Board on ADP planning. As I scribbled on my note to you, it seems as though we have not gotten anywhere since our last major look at this under [] and company and that the decisions being made then -- like making the Executive Director responsible for Agency-wide ADP planning -- are being made again.

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--The agenda for the Director's meeting with Weinberger and Taft included the response to the Long Commission recommendations -- Cap allegedly wanted to discuss this to make sure both sides understood what we were doing; the Berlin air corridor restrictions; terrorism and Israeli politics. The only feedback on this session was that provided by [] on the budget discussions, which I have already cabled to you.

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--Feedback on the SIG(I) meeting: The bottom line on the hostile presence issue was that the IG(CI) was charged with developing specific recommendations to achieve reciprocity. DeGraffenreid noted that the President, in NSDD 175, had already blessed the concept of reciprocity and that specific steps were now needed to implement this. On the leaks issue, the Director heard people out. They agreed not to adopt the recommendation for a special prosecutor. The bottom line here was that the IG(CM) is to come up with specific proposed actions.

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Monday, 30 April

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--NODIS suggesting that about 12 May a high-level State/NSC/DoD [REDACTED] briefing team should visit and brief the Salvadoran President-elect on security issues and US intentions towards Central America. About 20 May the President-elect should visit Washington, being given maximum exposure to the public and Congress.

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- [REDACTED] from DIA wrote you with suggestions on where to go regarding the next issue of Soviet Military Power. He noted whether or not this publication would continue would be up to the SecDef. Regarding your specific question on what the Soviets might have learned about our sources and methods from the publication, he said that DIA was considering having an outside contractor or a Bloc defector do a short study. DDI has the action to prepare an answer for you.

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--Highlights from the Weekly Report: Security is conducting an internal investigation on leaks -- [REDACTED] the incoming CT class [REDACTED] is the largest in recent memory.

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SECRETTuesday, 1 May

--The DCI is tentatively scheduled to visit []

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--[] sent a personal appeal to the Director to set the record straight regarding his ability to handle classified information. He is undergoing an FBI background check to serve as an SSCI consultant and apparently thinks there is something in our file on him that would cause a problem. [] will make a recommendation to the Director. I will keep an eye out for it.

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--The Director met today with Dewey and Ambassador-designate to Nicaragua Harry Bergold, formerly Ambassador to Hungary for four years.

--At today's staff meeting, the Director highlighted his visit over the weekend to CENTCOM and REDCOM and suggested to [] that he take another look at CIA relations/support to the military. Later we received the memo at Tab B suggesting that [] is still involved or thinks he is in this arena. In later discussions with [] I learned that the Director also tapped [] take a second look and that's fine with []

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--The Director also mentioned the need to keep a better log of what we tell Congress when. I would think that Clair could do this easily enough. You might want to follow up with him and make sure that he will follow through.

--Family Day on the 28th was apparently a big success with 2,000 visitors. Have heard no complaints to date about areas being sealed off.

--The 27 April issue of the Iran/Iraq Military Situation Report was described as the final one; it will be resumed if events warrant.

--The Director returned the Libyan vulnerabilities study to Gates for more work.

*** --A while back, you asked if anything more needed to be done to implement the recommendations of the [] Tab C indicates that three recommendations still need to be voted up or down. You might want to talk to [] about #7. Recommendation 8 could probably be done as a follow-on to the leaks effort. Recommendation 9 seems to be somewhat related to the ongoing NSDD-84 process. At any rate, something probably should be put on paper for the record, particularly given the letter to Congress.

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--Finally caught up with [] who has been away on TDY, regarding your concerns on his NATO paper to be published in Studies. Atkeson did talk to [] who had no objection to the paper. I tried to explain what I understood to be your concerns regarding NATO security. [] feels very strongly about his paper and apparently has held these views and has been promoting them since 1978. Realizing that it would be inappropriate for me to play "Susie-censor," and given that the paper will be published at a classified level in an internal journal, I said obviously the paper could be published but I just wanted to make sure that he was aware of your concerns before doing so. Someone else could always write an alternative view. Perhaps you would want to encourage someone from OSWR or wherever to do so.

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Wednesday, 2 May

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*** Ask me about the FBI tiff over OGI's paper on the prospects for domestic terrorism.

--We have received three requests, two from Congressional Committees and one from GAO, to speak to "Exceptional Analyst" [] Gates, Kerr and Clair suggested it would be best if we facilitated the contacts and let [] do what he chose on his own, the rationale being if we try to stop him, it would look as though we were muzzling him. On the other hand if we escorted him it could either look the same way or as though we supported his findings. I checked with Taylor, who is reviewing this case, for any possible ramifications. So far, his review has found fault on both sides -- the Agency has no rules or procedures to cover situations like these and [] showed a complete lack of judgment. He agreed with the above approach so I told them to tell [] to do what he wanted but to caution him, given his lack of judgment, to keep in mind his obligation not to disclose classified information.

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--Senator Percy asked the Agency to brief the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 10 May on issues relating to a Senate resolution calling for space arms control talks.

--[] will be accompanying SecDef to Korea and Japan during 5-12 May.

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--Autopenned on your behalf the certification of expenditures for the quarter ending 31 March 1984.

Thursday, 3 May

--The Government Operations Committee has asked CIA for an update on its support to DEA and the NNBIS.

--Tonight's McFarlane agenda includes the following: I&W implications of the recent Soviet naval exercise, deception, Berlin air corridor restrictions, South African-UNITA activities and terrorism and Israeli politics. No feedback as yet.

--Feedback from your boss's session on PFIAB on leaks: Two main themes - It will be impossible to get any relief in an election year; we should go after the reporters who printed the leaks (this was Edward Bennett Williams' strong pitch).

--In response to your message suggesting that either the DCI or [] try to soften Boland up on the upcoming budget cuts, [] suggested the right time to do this would be a little closer to the conference, and [] plans to do so.

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--Pressed OGC for an answer from you to Turner on the latter's question on the National Students Association, revised it with the results at Tab D. I can give you a little more explanation if necessary.

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Friday, 4 May

--See Tab E for SecDef and SecState agendas and Gates' feedback on the State meeting.

--Arnie Donahue, OMB, returned CIA's letter on the GS-11 to 15 reductions. He is inclined to do nothing on this issue, given that by taking our 85 reduction in salary funds, we have in effect complied with the intent of the exercise. The letter, hence, will be considered never to have existed.

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--The Director is giving the commencement address at Bryant College, Rhode Island, on 19 May.

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--We and State are trying to verify information from an ABC journalist that the Government of Kuwait received a call threatening to kill Buckley if death sentences against those involved in the Kuwait bombings were carried out.

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Monday, 7 May

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- [] advised he had heard nothing significant from the Director's breakfast with the Program Managers today. Guesses that they cemented the agreement with Defense on the budget cuts and Pete Aldridge discussed problems with OMB regarding []

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--Senators Chafee and Pete Wilson were among the observers for the Salvadoran elections.

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[] is to hold his first meeting today of the ADD steering group on personnel, an outgrowth of the CIA planning effort.

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- [] notes two giant steps forward: NIE 4-1 on Warning Doctrine has been completed; a dry run of the National Warning Training Course is scheduled for June with the first formal running scheduled for September of 1984.

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See Tab H for latest version of reporting procedures for the SSCI. I was going to discuss some ideas with you on our need to clean house internally to improve our ties with Congress. After a staff meeting discussion, however, always quick off the mark Taylor beat me to it by suggesting to Clair that we should find some way to take the high ground, take a good look at what we are doing and come up with suggestions for improvement. After discussions with the DCI, Gates, etc., it was agreed that Helene Boatner would take a week or so to take such a good look and come up with recommendations. Believe this is a good idea. The tricky part will be finding someone responsible on the other side to discuss it with and having them take a parallel look at getting their house in order.

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--The Director's meeting today with [] appears to have been a basic update. He did ask for a couple of minutes alone with the Director and I don't know what transpired then -- perhaps he is looking for a job.

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--Cabinet Meeting scheduled for 8 May: Federal Civilian Employment, Safety and Health, Budget Briefing.

--Elder has nominated [] to replace [] while at the same time retaining his current position as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Language Committee.

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--The Director signed a letter to HAC lobbying on State's behalf for funds and people.

--Staff Meeting Highlights: Active week coming up on the Hill -- Budget mark-up on the 10th, [] to testify on FOIA on the 10th, OGC will be briefing HPSCI on [] Rumor has it that Congress is working towards a 30 June recess.

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--The Director went down and talked to the CTs apparently Friday; seemed to be impressed with the people and to have enjoyed himself.

--We have received about 30 questions for the record from the SSCI on Central America.

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[] advised the White House Fellows Program that CIA would discontinue participation because of sources and methods concerns.

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--The Director has agreed to defer the IR&DC study he requested on R&D in support of counterterrorism.

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*** --Tidbits from George Lauder:

- He is recommending that you speak to US News and World Report for an article they are doing. Gates has spoken to them on an unattributable basis and George has spoken to them off-the-record. Yes or No?

- Taubman would also like to reschedule his "annual" off-the-record session with you. George recommends that you do this. What do you think?

- Woodward picked up information that Libya had financial ties with black leaders, [] Confirmed that we knew nothing about this or had anything to do with it. Press today reported that the FBI was looking into ties between Libyans and black Americans but found nothing illegal.

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--Weekly Report Highlights:

- FELO has arranged for the CT Orientation and COS Seminar to be expanded to include spouses. This in keeping with one of the excellence recommendations.

- The Attorney General has signed the CIA/DEA procedures governing coordination of narcotics activities abroad.

- The IG is about to take another look at EOD processing.

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- New OMB Examiner for CIA is a fresh MBA named Russell Neely.

Wednesday, 9 May

--General Kingston provided you a copy of his Middle East trip report. Looked primarily like showing the CENTCOM flag. DDO has a copy if you ever want to see it.

--Okayed on your behalf two more weeks for [] until [] contract comes through and his replacement comes on board. Told Personnel this would be the last extension.

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--In the nice-to-see-a-good-idea-for-a-change department: The CIRA Newsletter has an article encouraging retirees to pass on potential recruits and lists addresses and numbers of local recruiters.

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--Autopenned for you kudos and requests for IPC replacements for NSA and DIA representatives.

--See Tab I for Leahy letter and suggested Motley follow-up on Salvadoran elections. This is the latest cause celebre in the press. Leahy had been scheduled to come out on 11 May to discuss with Stein but decided to wait until the IG inspector working on the death squad business got back from Salvador so that he could discuss both topics.

- [] sent you compliments and thanks for the successful move of the SAFE-D software from the Northside Computer Center to the DIAC Computer Center. Passed on to [] to share with the troops.

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Thursday, 10 May

--See Tab J for McFarlane agenda in case you want to follow up on anything -- no feedback as yet.

--Was advised [] the OTE person charged with developing a course for new employees, though it sounds like the only course he is working is the traditional one that has been in existence for some time. I will give him a call to see what he is doing. []

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--I know this is hopeless, but following up on the above, Congressional staffers seem to be competing with one another to see who can leak what the fastest. Our people go down and talk about something and the afternoon of the next day it's in the press or so it appears with this [redacted] business. See Tab K for example.

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--Attended Mineta's speech which was rather short. I am sorry to tell you that attendance was embarrassingly low. I'd say less than one-third. Magee was there this time and I hope he was embarrassed enough to make sure this doesn't happen again.

--In case you missed it in the press, an anonymous caller to Agence France Presse claiming to represent the Islamic Jihad, claimed responsibility for the latest American kidnapped in Beirut, a US clergyman named Weir, and said that it also was holding Buckley and Levin. Meanwhile, the Islamic Amal leader Musawi claims no knowledge of the Buckley kidnapping.

--Stein briefed the SSCI today on death squads.

--The Director met with Goldwater -- no feedback available yet.

[redacted] testimony on FOIA to the Government Operations Committee reportedly went well.

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*** --Red Flag: The Director wrote a note to you, Gates and Meyer on the 84 NIC production projections suggesting the need to "look at" Herb's statement, "The NIOs simply do not have sufficient help to perform all aspects of their jobs efficiently." He (the DCI) would like to know what should be done.

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Friday, 11 May

--There will be a SIG/IEP on 14 May chaired by Secretary Regan on International Debt Strategy/Update.

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--A fast-track SNIE is in the works on Sino-Vietnamese Conflict: Possibilities for Escalation.

--The State agenda is at Tab L in case you want to follow up on anything.

--See Tab M for sobering view of Cuban/Soviet/Nicaraguan contingency plan in the event of a US attack.

--BBC is asking for a CIA spokesman to participate in a 50-minute program coinciding with the President's June arrival in London. At John Bross's suggestion, the DCI is considering asking Ann Armstrong or Leo Cherne to participate. Bross is answering on 15 May in case you want to weigh in (I don't think we should participate).

--See note at Tab N from Goldwater for a reading of the current atmospherics.

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--An NFIB meeting is scheduled for Friday, 18 May, at 2:00 to discuss Implications of Recent Soviet Military/Political Activities.

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--Stein was to brief the SSCI staffers today on the money left for Nicaragua.

--The conference on the money for Nicaragua is scheduled for 2:00 on 16 May. Clair believes the deck is stacked against us and the results will likely depend on how much the President is willing to get involved.

SOMETIME ITEMS

--Levinson Seminar, 10-15 June; possibility that you will take a submarine ride.

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--Office of Finance

--Fitzwater/ExDir

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